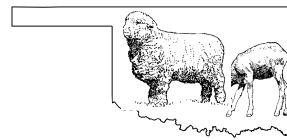




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OKLAHOMA SHEEP INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM JANUARY 1, 1999

OKLAHOMA: Oklahoma's sheep producers had 55,000 head of all sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 2000, unchanged from last year. Breeding ewes one year and older, at 33,000 head, were down 3 percent from last year's level, while breeding rams, at 2,000 head, were unchanged from last year. Ewe and ram lambs for breeding replacement totaled 5,000 on January 1, 2000, unchanged from the previous year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2000 totaled 15,000 head. Market lamb inventory included 6,000 lambs under 65 pounds, up 20 percent; 4,000 between 65 - 84 pounds, up 33 percent; 2,000 between 85-105 pounds, down 33 percent; and 2,000 over 105 pounds, unchanged from January 1, 1999.

The 1999 lamb crop was 35,000 head, down 12 percent from the previous year.

GOATS: As of January 1, 2000, goat estimates for Oklahoma are discontinued.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2000, totaled 7.03 million head, down 3 percent from 1999 and 10 percent below two years ago. Inventory has declined since 1942 when it reached a peak of 56.2 million head.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.16 million head on January 1, 2000, down 3 percent from 5.30 million head on January 1, 1999. Ewes one year old and older, at 4.23 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2000, totaled 1.86 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 1999. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 26 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 29 percent were over 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.

The 1999 lamb crop of 4.72 million head was down 6 percent from 1998 to a new record low. The 1999 lambing rate was 109 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 1999, compared with 110 in 1998.

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SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASSES, JANUARY 1, 1999-2000, AND LAMB CROP 1999

CLASS	O K L A H O M A			U N I T E D S T A T E S		
	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Sheep & Lambs	55	55	100	7,215	7,026	97
Breeding Sheep	41	40	98	5,299	5,163	97
Ewes 1 Year +	34	33	97	4,322	4,228	98
Rams 1 Year +	2	2	100	203	206	101
Replacement Lambs	5	5	100	774	730	94
Market Sheep & Lambs	14	15	115	1,916	1,863	97
Market Sheep 1 Year +	1	1	100	83	80	96
Market Lambs	13	14	108	1,833	1,783	97
Lambs Under 65 lbs.	5	6	120	490	451	92
Lambs 65-84 lbs.	3	4	133	328	313	9495
Lambs 85-105 lbs.	3	2	67	513	477	93
Lambs over 105 lbs.	2	2	100	502	542	108
	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Lamb Crop 1/	40	35	88	5,007	4,716	94

1/ Lamb crop: Lambs born in the Native states plus lambs docked or branded in the western states.